



Don't Gamble with Our Future... ...Social Ills for Patrons and Workers

- Studies show that gambling's impacts should be measured in more than dollars and cents.

The availability of a casino within 50 miles (versus 50 to 250 miles) is associated with about double the prevalence of problem and pathological gamblers... – ***Gambling Impact and Behavior Study – April 1999***

A gambling addiction developed late in life is often even more devastating than one that shows up early. Older people on a fixed income find it much more difficult to rebuild their finances after a gambling addiction takes its toll. And the risk of suicide tends to be higher for elderly gamblers who lose all their money. - ***Pat Fowler of the Council on Compulsive Gaming in Florida***

Four years after a casino opens, bankruptcy rates, violent crime, and auto thefts and larceny are up 10 percent in counties with a casino. – ***The Social and Economic Impact of Native American Casinos – August 2002***

Elderly women appear to be the fastest-growing sector of the addicted population. ***Arizona Republic – June 16, 2002***

Casino Workers Are Not Immune to Gambling's Social Ills

The Harvard Medical School Division on Addictions in 1997 surveyed 3,841 employees at three casinos. Nearly 10 percent of the workers said they had experienced major depression, 2 times the national average. About 11.5 percent had alcohol problems. About 3.5 percent were pathological or problem gamblers. Nearly 40 percent smoked cigarettes, compared with 25 percent of the U.S. adult population. – ***Gambling Magazine – 1999***

The Casino San Pablo Compact permits indoor smoking. This will impact the health of casinos patrons and workers.